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Sec. 14-21h-1. Definitions

In Sections 14-21h-1 through Section 14-21h-7 the following words shall have the following meanings:

(1) “Animal population control program commemorative number plate” means a number plate which is issued by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles to enhance public awareness of pet overpopulation and the state’s effort to provide for the low-cost spaying and neutering of unsterilized dogs and cats adopted from municipal pounds.

(2) “Animal population control program account” means an account to which fees, other than administrative costs, established and collected pursuant to the provisions of Section 3 of Public Act 97-187, are deposited.

(3) “Commissioner” means the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles.

(4) “Department” means the Department of Motor Vehicles.

(5) “Low number plate” means a number plate issued by the Commissioner in accordance with section 14-160 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

(6) “Number plate” means an official marker furnished by the Commissioner on which is displayed the registration number assigned to a motor vehicle by the commissioner.

(7) “Person” means a person, as defined in subdivision (61) of subsection (a) of section 14-1 of the Connecticut General Statutes, who is eligible to register a motor vehicle.

(8) “Registration” means registration of a motor vehicle with the commissioner as provided in section 14-12 of the Connecticut General Statutes, and includes the certificate of registration and the number plate(s) used in connection with such registration.

(9) “Vanity plate” means a number plate issued by the Commissioner in accordance with subsection (s) of section 14-49 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

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Sec. 14-21h-2. Design of number plates

(a) The animal population control program commemorative number plate shall be of a design to enhance public awareness of pet overpopulation and the state’s effort to provide for the low-cost spaying and neutering of unsterilized dogs and cats adopted from municipal pounds.

(b) The animal population control program commemorative number plate shall be of a design determined by agreement between the Commissioner of Agriculture and the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles.

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Sec. 14-21h-3. Application for number plate. Transfer fee

(a) A person shall apply for an animal population control program commemorative number plate by filing an application in writing with the commissioner, and paying the fee as specified in section 14-21h-5 of this regulation. Such fee shall be in addition to the fee required by law for registration of a motor vehicle.

(b) No fee in addition to the fee specified in section 14-21h-5 of this regulation shall be charged for the transfer of a motor vehicle registration to or from a registration with animal population control program commemorative number plates.

(Effective September 28, 1998)

Sec. 14-21h-4. Eligible vehicles

In addition to the passenger motor vehicles, as defined in subdivision (59) of subsection (a) of section 14-1 of the Connecticut General Statutes, an animal population control program commemorative number plate may be issued in such other class or classes of motor vehicles as may be decided by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicle, in consultation with the Commissioner of Agriculture.

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Sec. 14-21h-5. Fees

A person who applies for an animal population control program commemorative number plate shall pay the following fees, which shall be deposited in the animal population control program account except for the amount designated for administrative costs as identified hereinafter:

(1) Fifty dollars (\$50.00) for a number plate with letters and numbers selected by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, of which fifteen dollars (\$15.00) shall be deposited in an account controlled by the Department of Motor Vehicles for administrative costs. The fee shall include a donation to the animal population control program account of thirty-five dollars (\$35.00); or

(2) Seventy dollars (\$70.00) plus the required special plate fees for a new low number or vanity plate, fifty-five dollars (\$55.00) of which will be deposited in the animal population control program account.

(Effective September 28, 1998)

Sec. 14-21h-6. Renewal fee

The biennial renewal fee for a registration for which an animal population control program commemorative number plate has been issued shall be an additional fee of fifteen dollars (\$15.00), of which five dollars (\$5.00) shall be deposited in an account controlled by the Department of Motor Vehicles for administrative costs, and ten dollars (\$10.00) shall be deposited in the animal population control program account. Such fee shall be in addition to the registration renewal fee required by law. No fee in addition to that provided in this section, and the registration renewal fee required by law, shall be charged for renewal of a low number plate or a vanity plate.

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Sec. 14-21h-7. Replacement

An animal population control program commemorative number plate which is lost or stolen, and such loss or theft is reported to the appropriate police authorities and the Department of Motor Vehicles as required by law, shall not be replaced earlier than one (1) year after such loss or theft is so reported. The Commissioner may substitute another animal population control program commemorative plate of his choosing until such lost or stolen plate is replaced. A replacement plate fee as required by law shall be charged for any such replacement plate.

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